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HEARST PUT UP FOR MAYOR BY FOUR PETITIONS

Designated to Oppose Hylan

Rumors of the past few days had not fully prepared the leaders for the actual development. Four petitions, with a total of 3,802 signatures, were filed for Mr. Hearst. The first, containing 251 names, signed by Queens county residents, was filed carly in the afternoon. Last night three more petitions, one from Manhattan containing 3,208 signatures, another from Manhattan containing 307 names and one from Kings county with 36 names, were filed with the Board of Elections.

Elections.

With Mr. Hearst in California his representatives in this city refused to give any intimation of whether the publisher will go through with the primaries or withdraw. He has two weeks in which to make up his mind, and no one in the various political camps last night would hazard a guess.

M. J. McCarthy, secretary to Coroner Daniel Riordan, who with Alphonse Koeible, known as a pro-German before this country entered the war, was active in securing the Hearst petitions, said last night:

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. "My friends along the West Side circulated this petition because they believe that Mr. Hearst is the strongest man the Democratic party can name and because they believe in the direct primary.

Led Fight Against Central.

"Mr. Hearst has led the fight against he New York Central West Side grab

ticket in opposition to the Republican-Mitchel ticket was expected, and failed to cause much worry in the Fusion camp. In Richmond, Queens, Kings and Man-hattan the revolt against Tammany by former Wigwam leaders and supporters manifested itself in the filing of peti-

Fight Against Bruckner.

In Queens the Connolly ticket, backed by the organisation, will be bitterly fought. In Richmond Calvin V. Van Name, the Tammany candidate for Bor-ough President, has an opponent. In The Bronx, where Representative Henry

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Buy Tobacco To-day and Help Smoke Fund

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To-day's the day for extensive tobacco buying in the United Cigar Stores. There are 365-of them in the metropolitan district; you can't miss them. Do your shopping in smokes for the week or month.

You share whatever you purchase with our soldiers in France, because THE SUN Tobacco Fund gets 5 per cent. Furthermore, your coupons are to be redeemed at two cents each for the fund Buy early and often and in bulk

Next Monday begins SUN Fund week at Loew's New York Theatre and Roof. The best pictures obtainable will be shown. Raymond Hitchcock and other Broadway stars will be present at

To-morrow night Joseph Pani, whose Castles-by-the-Sea yielded close to \$400 last week, will repeat the frolic at the Woodmansten Inn. There will be a splendid entertainment for the fund.

That same night a mammoth vaudeville show, to be followed by a dance, will be presented at the Columbia Club gymnasium, Whitestone, L. I., by the officers and crews of the naval base there. Frank Tinney and a host of other artists will suppose. of other artists will appear.

There are a s ore of other enterprises afoot to aid the fund The details will be found or

MAY GO TO SAVE RUSSIA

Petrograd Asks Aid and Wilson's Advisers Urge Expeditionary Force—Colonel Likely to Be Given Commission by President.

Designated to Oppose Hylan
in the Democratic
Primaries.

HIS CONSENT IN DOUBT

William M. Bennett Files Papers to Run Against
Mitchel.

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FOR U.S. TROOPS

Troops in France To-day Will U. S. Boys in France Raffled a Use Them Against the Creeping Death.

Copyright, 1917; all rights reserved. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE Aug. 21 .- The grimmest work the Amerloan troops here have done up to this time began to-day, when the first gas masks were issued and instructions given for using them against the creeping death. To-morrow the boys will have their first meeting with the deadly gas tiself. Fitted with masks, they will go into chambers constructed for the purwould have had no difficulty in obning any number of signatures."

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easily adjustable, were issued. The general comment was that the mask made a man look like a cow, but the men were sobered by the emphatic warnings of the officers that they must put on their masks the instant gas is detected or it will do its work.

The men marched back to their quarters discussing in low tones are and its

to stop us"; this seemed to be the gen-eral opinion.

The officers are taking every precaun to prevent American impetuosity d overconfidence from having serious and overconfidence from having serious results. They are giving the men the most detailed instructions and are well satisfied with the first practice. The masks were put on very quickly despite their novelty; usually in a very few seconds. After retreat to-night the men occupied their leisure in timing each occupied their leisure in timing each other while putting on or taking off the masks. One man claimed to have made a record of two seconds. All of them show the same keenness in this as in learning the other tricks of the new war-fare.

IRISH DISCUSS SELF-RULE.

Deminion Principle Taken Up

Convention Delogates. Dunlin, Aug. 21.—An official statemen DURLIN, Aug. 21.—An omicial statement issued to-night on the progress of the Irish convention says:

"The fifth meeting entered upon the consideration of certain draft schemes based upon the dominion principle of self-government, and the discussion lested throughout the day."

SHATTUCK'S INCOME **GOES TO WAR RELIEF** Pianist Will Contribute \$60,

000 a Year.

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CHICAGO, Aug. 21 .- Arthur Shattu concert pianist, who inherited a large estate upon the death of his father, F. C.

'SUN' APPEASES **SMOKE HUNGER**

Pack of Cigarettes for \$6 -Gift Arrives.

cupied by the American army and the chauffeur shouted "Here's rations!" no servation were sprawled about, disconsolate and indifferent. Not a soul moved. "Say," added the driver quizzically, "Here's tobacco !"

and best represents the public sentiment pose filled with gas and hermetically add at first, lest some inexperienced man with his mask not properly adjusted might suffer. Later the men must face gas of Mr. Hearst or with any organization with the highest strength he is likely to endead the petition around during the counter in battle, remaining several with roadside brought a swarm of men

the last of the first delivery and had been smoking French cigarettes or going without, which amounts to the same been smoking French of without, which amou thing for Americans.

Guarded by Armed Sentry.

The men marched back to their quarters discussing in low tones gas and its effects. "Well, that is one of the things we came here to go up against to beat the Germans. It will take a lot of gas They were under guard of an armed sentry day and sight." sentry day and night. "The men are so crasy for American smokes," said the officer in charge, "that I take no

> "Say. Mister, is this THE SUN's tobacco?" asked a tail corporal of the correspondent. Told that it was, he said: "Tell THE SUN and the people that put up the money that the boys are tickled to death. The first lot was a taste of heaven; when they were gone it was like the other place all right." get wise," said the corporal. Then he shouted: "Alles, tabac Americain!" With cries and gestures the Frenchmen ran up and eagerly took the cigarettes offered to them. The men said the pollus now like the American better than the French cigarettes.

correspondent heard of another package that sold for \$10 in the dark days before any of THE Sun's tobacco appeared. The men were in high spirits when

CUBA'S PRIZES GIVEN TO U. S.

concert planist, who inherited a large estate upon the death of his father, F. C. Shattuck, a Wisconsin paper manufacturer, has turned the entire income over to war relief for the duration of the conflict, it was learned to-day.

The Harris Trust and Savings Bank, which will act with advice of a committee, was appointed trustee to carry out the plan. At the bank it was said that the income amounts to more than \$60,000 a year. Mr. Shattuck particularly desires to aid European associates and colleagues of the musical profession who have been rendered destituté.

For three years Mr. Shattuck's Paris home has been used by war victims, and when the United States joined the Allies he turned his yacht over to the Government.

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TEUTON RALLIES GERMAN CITIES NEAR VERDUN IN NEED OF FOOD

Avocourt Wood and Mort Homme.

Airmen Smothered German Fliers and Prevented Observations.

> Pershing Present at Verdun Battle Special Cable Despatch to Tan Son.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—Gen. Pershing PARIS, Aug. 21.—Gen. Pershing and several of his staff and other officers were present today at the new battle of Verdun, where they saw tremendous fighting in the most modern style.

It was the first opportunity the American officers had had to observe the French army in action and to many of them it was their baptism of fire. Gen. Pershing himself had seen the British in battle.

response came from the youths in khaki gain their objectives with a minimu

The correspondent of the Petit Journal sends the following graphic account on the battle on the left bank of the Meune:

"For five days our artillery had been hammering at the same range, all the guns, small, medium and great, rearing constantly. In the darkness of early around their necks? These masks are instruments of torture. They keep a man from breathing freely and give him the feeling that he is smothering

mosphere of noxious, poisonous gases. At first only a few spurts of gas from port has been caught by a gas shell and horses and men lie dead on the road.

"Higher up the slope we come upon a vision of infernal madness. To the left are Mort Homme, Hill 304. Talou Hill and Hill 344. They have been deluged for 120 hours by our torrents of explosives. All these glorious but bloody outposts of the Mause are before us. Behind them the tall crests of great fames rise, lighting the sky. These are to Europe to fight Germany. The practice is the second of the control flames rise, lighting the sky. These are enemy munition dumps blown up by our

entry day and night. "The men are is team four of them are blown up to crasy for American smokes," said he officer in charge, "that I take no chances." "Mort Homme and Hill 304 are the keys to the German position. There was no prospect of our carrying any cobacco?" asked a tall corporal of the correspondent. Told that it was, he correspondent. Told that it was, he correspondent. The Sun and the people hat put up the money that the boys attack there, and the German fire from the first lot was to the German fire from the first lot was to the German fire from the first lot was to the German fire from the first lot was to the German fire from the first lot was to the German fire from the first lot was to the German fire from the first lot was to the German fire from the first lot was to the German fire from the first lot was the right bank was also directed against of diplomatic work." our advance.

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and constant that it became a kind of silence, above which every other noise rose magnified. Above the cannons' inferno sounded the motor horn of an American ambulance and the wall of

"As the day began to break the flames from the cannon became less sharply etched on the sky. It was at 4:30 o'clock Positus Are Astonished.

The whole road for a long distance was now lined with men smoking contentedly. The Americans explained to their French comrades in their peculiar jargon that the newspaper readers of New York had sent the tobacco, which seemed to astonish the Frenchmen.

How much American smokes were needed is shown by the fact that an hour before The Sun's tobacco arrived nour before The Sun's tobacco arrived today the one package of cigarettes remaining in the village from the first distribution was raffled off for \$6\$. The correspondent heard of another package our men followed. Through the chokpassed through the gas and became invisible. Every man pushed 6h, his aim
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"Our attack had been prepared in two instalments and the men advanced on schedule time, minute by minute. At 5:30 o'clock an aviator returning from the front flew over us and dropped he front flew over us and dropped olecas of paper bearing a sketch of Mort flomme upon which three crosses were marked in red ink. Under the crosses he aviator had written 'French, Fren

4 GREAT OFFENSIVES.

304. Talou and Hill 344 also were or

increased Resources of Men and Materials Indicated at Verdun. Special Cable Despatch to Tan Sun. LONDON, Aug. 21.—Four great offenrogress at the same time, a sure indi-ation that the allied resources in men

Panic Stricken—Deaths Concealed.

War Industry District in Turmoil as Victory Promises Fail.

Special Cable Desputch to THE BUN. LONDON, Aug. 21.—A wave of peasing sm is sweeping over Germany in regard to the war and its outcome, shows clearly by comments in Berlin news papers which have reached here. Not only is the Pope's peace move generally is intensified by a fearful epidemic of typhoid fever, dysentery and other complaints attributable to insufficient and bad food, which is breaking out in all parts of the empire. It is no longer possible to conceal this, despite the utmost efforts of the Government.

and immediate gains. These military moves are regarded as the real answer to the Pope.

There is considerable evidence that success has been attained by recent efforts of the allied authorities to get before the German people accurate knowledge regarding the real conditions in England, France and the United States. Some weeks ago a large number of German prisoners were brought from Flanders to London. Until their capture they had believed that Paris was held by the Germans; that London had been practically destroyed by air raids and deserted by its inhabitants.

After they arrived in London and no-After they arrived in London and no-ticed the city's normal life and its usual activity they wrote letters describing what they had seen to friends at home. Whether these letters reached their destinations is unknown, but the recent development of German pessimism is believed to indicate that the German public at last realises a part at least of the truth. Many prisoners recently have as-serted that the Germans were sustained

America. President Wilson has ordered that an army of a million men be sent to Europe to fight Germany. The practicability of the plan is doubted, but a billion dollars in cannon, shells and provisions besides soldiers from America.

BRITISH ANSWER POPE. "The roar of the guns was so regular Peace to Receive Serious and

Benevolent Consideration. Rows, Aug. 21.—The reply of the British Government to the peace note of Pope Benedict was handed to Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State, by the British Minister on Monday. The reply says that the Pope's note will be examined in a benevolent and serious spirit.

Cardinal Gasparri expressed to the British Minister the hope that the bel-

subject.
[It has been reported on several occasions that the Austrian Empress, who was born in the Italian province of Luce, has been working assiduously

WARRINGTON, Aug. 21.—The United States has not yet acknowledged receipt of Pope Benedict's peace proposal, but will do so through the British Foreign Office, which transmitted the communi-Office, which transmitted the concation through Ambassador Page.

2,250,000 HAVE IRON CROSS. Number Includes Honor of the Second Class Only.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 21.—Deputy Mar-quardt of the German Reichstag recently proposed that a more extensive distribuproposed that a more extensive distribu-tion of Iron Crosses be made.

Emperor William has caused to be published the fact that 2,250,000 crosses of the second class had been distributed up to June 2.

ROOSEVELT AND 100,000 MEN FRENCH SMASH PLAGUES SWEEP WILSON CUTS SOFT COAL; PRICE TO BE NATIONWIDE; STEEL AND OTHERS NEXT

Repulse Counter Thrusts at Undernourished People Are PLANS MADE FOR SURVEY OF NATION'S FOOD RESOURCES

AMERICANS ARE LAUDED PEACE PLAN DERIDED Census of One Hundred Food Items to Be Taken for Guidance of Food Administration-Monthly Reports Required.

night, show that it will cover nearly one hundred items of food, and will include supplies on the farms, in warehouses and stores, and even the stocks

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—A nationwide oluding large retail houses, will be obfood survey, authorised under the first of the food laws recently enacted by Congress, will be started immediately by the Department of Agriculture.

Plans for the census, announced to-

within the last few days will be employed in this work.

The stocks on hand in small retail shops will be estimated from information gained from a detailed survey of stocks in a number of representative districts. Stocks in the hands of all the consumers of the country will be estimated similarly from canvasses of a large number of representative families, both in the country and in the cities. The study of families will be concerned even more families will be concerned even more with the current consumption per month than with the actual stock of food sup-

ing the Pope's note on the same lines as on the Reichstag's peace resolution. The Conservatives, National Liberals The Conservatives, National Liberals against some buildings which were and Germanic groups are declared to be to approve of the Pope's action.

AMERICA'S AID "WORTHLESS." "Cologne Gasette" Says Coming Winter Can Prove This.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 21.-The Cologne Gazette, a copy of which has been re-ceived here, says in an editorial that the peace proposal of Pope Benedict has met with a blunt rejection in Washington. "The enemy's bluff does not frighten us," says the newspaper. "If we hold for the enemy Governments but to admit led peoples that they have lost the game."

for NEW TORTURE GAS **USED BY GERMANS** Vapor From Shells Causes Painful Deaths.

London, Aug. 21.—As a counter to the British introduction of specially constructed engines for throwing boiling oil the Germans are now hurling a vast number of shells of peculiar qualities into the British lines. Nothing is known posal of the Government 100,000 pesetas for the orphans of police killed mainas to how many casualties are due to this new gas shell, which the Tommies have already dubbed "mustard gas," because of the horrible effect it has on the eyes and lungs and more delicate parts of th

soil it immediately forms a layer of gas which rests about five feet above the ground and retains its dangerous qualities for some time. An officer jus back from the front says the new gas does not take effect immediately, but allows the victim six or seven hours. Then it slowly cats its way into the tissue, causing a painful and horrible death or destroying the particular part of the body with which it came in con-The French have apparently found nethod of going through solld curtains

BRITISH IN NEW AIR RAIDS.

of this gas without harm except in case

of direct hits. It is reported also that the hospitals are dealing successfully with the worst cases.

BRITISH IN NEW AIR RAIDS.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Another of the Thursday. Headquarters of the National LONDON, Aug. 21.—Another of the series of aerial raids over Belgium which have been made at frequent intervals for some time was carried out on Sunday night. The following report was made to-day by the Admiralty:

"At about midnight August 19-20 the Royal Naval Air Service dropped many tons of bombs on the Middelkerke dump and the Brugeoise works. All the machines returned safely."

Hing of the White House will be resumed Thursday. Headquarters of the National Woman's party so announced to-day. Should any of the pickets be arrested, their cases will be fought out in the courts.

Matthew E. O'Brien has been retained as counsel. The cases of the pickets at Occoquan will not be appealed.

Record Price for Coinage Silver.

Parliament Adjourns.

London, Aug. 21.—Parliament to-day took a recons until October 16. The time ounce for collage quantity at 87 cents an which has elapsed since the war state-of more than 80 per cent. since the war stated. An increase in silver collage coupled in clearing up several small

by courier to the French frontier, Aug. 21) .- Violent rioting has been taking

place in Barcelona and the neighboring

towns since last Monday, when a general strike was proclaimed. Firing from the roofs of houses and from behind half closed shutters has been going on daily. A considerable number of persons, have been killed and many have been wounded, though no reliable figures are avallable.

houses were destroyed by shell fire. reports are circulating of great disturbances in other parts of Spain and of a republic being proclaimed at Bilbao and Saragossa. It is impossible to learn the truth regarding these rumors, as a rigid censorship is exercised over the tele-phone and telegraph lines and the news-

All the liberal daily newspapers have been suppressed. The only journals appearing in Barcelona are the Vasguardia, which prints only official and inaccurate reports, and the Diagrafico, commonly believed to be subsidized by the Germans. he Germans.
The correspondent heard authoritative-

The correspondent near was being pre-ly that an armed rising was being pre-pared for the end of the year by pro-moters of the recent conference of moters of the recent conference of Catalonian deputies in the event of their demands being refused by the Madrid Government, but the present outbreak does not appear to be supported by the Catalan leaders, it being confined to discontented workingmen. There is no indi-cation that it is supported by any part of the army. Order probably will be restored in a few days.

The army reservists of 1914 and 1915 have been recalled to the colors.

Maurio, Aug. 21.—The Cabinet yesterday approved a credit of 70,000,000 peseposal of the Government 100,000 pesetas for the orphans of police killed maintaining order recently.

HERBERT PARSONS A MAJOR. Gets Commission in Aviation Corps. Leaves Soon for France.

ALBANY, Aug. 21.—Herbert Parsons, New York lawyer and member of the executive committee of the Republican National Committee, has accepted a coming to an announcement made at suf-frage headquarters to-day. Mr. Parsons was to have been on of the speakers at the State convention in Saratoga August 29 and 80.

NEW WHITE HOUSE PICKETS. "Suffa" Will Go on Duty Again To Special Despatch to THE BUN.

President's Radical Action Is Protested by 400 Mine Operators.

NAVY BENEFITS MOST

Virginia Fuel at \$6.50 a Ton Must Be Sold to Public at \$3.65 in Future.

WAR ON LABOR IS HINTED

"Figures Are Not Only Fair and Just, but Liberal" for 29 Districts.

Special Despatch to Tan Str WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. - President Vilson issued an order to-night fixing the price of bituminous coal in all producing districts of the country. The rder, which applies to every mine in the United States, virtually cuts the price in half. The country is divided into twenty-nine districts and every producer in every district must market his coal at the same price. Figures show the actual reduction by

the President's order to be 44 per cent. in the specific case of Virginia coal, which furnishes the general ratio of reduction, although the new price to the navy is 50 per cent. of the old. The price of a long ton of Virginia coal at the pier has been \$6.50. The new price is \$2.20 a long ton plus \$1.45 freight, or \$3.65 at the pier, 56 per cent. of the old price and a reduction of 44 per cent. A price of \$2 a ton is fixed for the Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio fields, which supply practically all the coal used in the Eastern States. The other prices range from \$1.50 to \$2 for Alabama fields to \$3 for Okiahoma.

These compare with a price of \$3 offered by the Pennsylvania operators at the coal conference held here last June and the same figure presented by the West Virginia operators. in the specific case of Virginia coal

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The prices fixed at the June conference were substantial reductions from the first prices named by the coal men, which ranged from \$5.50 for West Virginia coal to \$5.25 for the Pennsylvania product. The market price for small consumers has been in the neighborhood of the higher figure for several months.

Blow to 400 Coal Operators.

The prices fixed to-night are practi-cally \$1 a ten below the scale drawn up by the Peabody committee after a con-ference with the 400 coal operators last June. This was the conference at which Secretary Lane praised the coal men for their patriotic action in cutting their prices and which subsequently brought Mr. Lane in sharp conflict with Secre

tary Baker, who practically repudiated the action of the conference. The prices now fixed are even below the price which Secretary Daniels agreed \$2.33 at the mine.

Statement by the President.

The President's statement said: "The following scale of prices is pre-scribed for bituminous coal at the mine n the several coal producing districts It is provisional only. It is subject to of administering the fuel supplies of the country shall have been satisfactorits organized and put into operation. Sub-sequent measures will have as their ob-ject a fair and equitable control of the distribution of the supply and prices not only at the mines, but also in the hands of the middlemen and the retailers.

"The prices provisionally arrived at are fixed by me under the provisions of the recent act of Congress regarding administrating the food supply of the country, which also conferred upon the executive control of the fuel supply They are based upon the actual cost of production and are deemed to be not only fair and just but liberal as well Under them the industry should nowhere The prices f. c. b. at mines are as

Min. Slack of Prepared or mine sizes acreen's 1200 \$2.25 \$1.75 ... 2.00 2.25 1.71 Pennsylvania Maryland West Virginia West Virginia (New Biver) Kentucky
Kentucky (Jellico)
Alabama (big seam)
Alabama (Pratt. Jaeger
and Corona) lifnois (third vein). Vashington .

Other Radical Action Due. To-night's action by the President was

thought possibly to forecast equally radi-cal action with regard to steel and other Preliminary reports on steel costs were handed to the President to-day. The new coal prices are based on the com-mission's figures on costs of production. It had been expected that the Presi dent would place the power to fix coal prices in the hands of a one man board which would act under the authority of section 25 of the food bill either to take over the entire coal production of the country for resale or establish rules. Nobody had expected that the Presi-dent himself would fix prices, although the food law gave him this authority for its sale, distribution and apportionment. As the prices announced are provisional only it is probable that a coal administrator will be announced shortly.

Whether the prices named by the President will tend to bring out the largest tonnage which the country is capable of producing is a question on which capitles here inclines to doubt. which opinion here inclines to doubt. Stimulation of production is a point which the War Industries Board and the other agencies have been urging upon